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Aruba International Women's Day Conference 2014:

Celebrating achievements and "Being the Change"



ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's sole female minister, Minister of Education, Family Policy and Adult Education, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, initiated the annual International Women's Day Conference after first taking office in 2009, when the ministries of economic and social affairs were under her jurisdiction. The topics of those conferences appropriately addressed the social and economic challenges faced by women around the world, aside from focusing on Aruba. This year, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar's welcome address focused on the educational issues and the social impact for women.

The International Women's



Guest speakers Monica Parker and Dr Sue

Day Conference 2014 was conducted in the ballroom of the Aruba Marriott Resort &

Stellaris Casino on Saturday, March 8. Aside from the minister's welcome address, international keynote speakers included noted comedian, screenwriter and actress, Monica Parker, author of the soon to be released book, "Getting Waisted," and Dr. Sue Morter, an internationally known authority on bridging science, spirit and human possibility. Dr. Morter was invited back after giving a short talk at last year's conference.

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Beatings in the Ukraine as Putin stays defiant

KIEV (AFP) - Pro-Russian activists attacked supporters of Kiev's new leaders with clubs and whips as thousands rallied across the Ukraine in rival demonstrations yesterday, while Russian President Vladimir Putin dug in his heels in the escalating standoff with the West.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel delivered a strong rebuke to the Russian strongman, telling him a planned Crimea referendum on joining the Russian Federation was "illegal" and bemoaning the lack of progress on creating an international diplomatic group to try to resolve the crisis.

In phone conversations with Merkel and British Prime Minister David Cameron, Putin in turn accused the Ukraine's new leaders of failing to rein in "ultra-nationalist and radical forces".

He also defied Western condemnation of the March 16 referendum, saying the pro-Russian authorities in Crimea organising the vote were legitimate and acting "based on international law".

But in a clear sign of sup-

port for the Ukraine's new leaders in the gravest post-Cold War crisis between Russia and the West, US President Barack Obama is to meet interim Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk on Wednesday.

Separatist tensions were running high yesterday on the strategic Black Sea peninsula which is now under Moscow's de facto control.

In Sevastopol, pro-Moscow militants wearing balaclavas and bullet proof vests, joined by Cossacks wielding whips, attacked a small rally for Ukrainian unity.

Thousands of supporters of integration with Russia also seized regional government headquarters in the eastern city of Lugansk and hoisted a Russian flag outside a security service building in Donetsk.

In Kiev, Putin's top foe Mikhail Khodorkovsky, a former Russian oligarch who spent a decade in Russian prisons, addressed a crowd of thousands on Independence Square -- the epicentre of the protests.

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Local guest speakers Sandra Brown and Jeanette Richardson Baar

Locally based guest speakers were Jeanette Richardson-Barr, Director of the Aruba Police Academy and Aruba's National Coordinator Anti-Human Trafficking and Smuggling. Deputy Police Commissioner Richardson-Barr was personally recognized by U. S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton when receiving the '2012 Hero Acting To End Modern-Day Slavery Award'.

The final speaker was Sandra Brown, Director of Aruba's Women's Development Center, CEDEHM. As a single mother raising three children, one of which is Major League baseball player for the Boston Red Sox, Xander Bogaerts, she is well acquainted with the challenges women face in today's world to meet the demands at home and also advance in the workplace.

The theme for this year's conference, "Being the Change," expands on the quote accredited to Gandhi, of "be the change that you want to see in the world." Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar provided the revelation that he never actually said this, but something much more lengthy, which his son shortened to the famous quote.

Nevertheless, the thrust of her presentation was the neces-

sity of education for the advancement and equal treatment of women within societies. Comparing Aruba to the rest of the world, she noted that in regards to education, Aruba is doing very well in encouraging equal opportunity for the female gender, if not better. In fact, when it comes to advance education and completing it, Aruba's young women far outdistance the island's young men.

A salient point regarding this, is that Minister Hooyboer-

Winklaar is the only female minister among a cabinet of 9, which puts Aruba on a par with nations such as Qatar, India and Pakistan, and well behind Norway, Sweden and Finland, where 50-53% of the cabinet positions are held by women. To Aruba's credit, our 21-seat parliament is occupied by 8 women, or 38%, which puts Aruba on par with France and Ethiopia, but well ahead of U.S. legislative bodies which have only 22% of their positions occupied by women.

In education, Aruba's technical school, EPB, demonstrates a higher enrollment and completion percentage of young men, but the high level, academic preparatory HAVO and VWO educational divisions show a distinct majority of female students. 61% of Aruban students continuing their education abroad in 2012 - 2013 were women. Those who actually completed their advanced education in Holland were 25%, of which 70% of those were female.

A short film from Professor Steven Horowitz of St. Lawrence University titled

"Do Women Earn Less than Men?" presented the conclusion that salary discrepancies between genders were not so much discriminatory towards women, but determined more by study and life choice: their investment in and full utilization of their "human capital." Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar conceded that in a number instances this is a contributing factor. The high-paying potential of fields such as IT, Computer Science, Engineering, Science and Medicine, are often the study and career choices of young men, while women, particularly Aruban women, have shown more of an affinity to become teachers, social workers and other careers that generally offer lower salaries. Professor Horowitz contends that the tendency in studies is to deploy control groups that encompass a wide variety of careers with divergent salary scales, add them all together and then divide by the numbers contained in the control group, presenting a rather large discrepancy between gender earning power.

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Aruba government announces new passport tariff



ORANJESTAD – Recently, the Netherlands has changed the law regarding passport issuance, and as of today, March 10, this new law is in force. The changes include that a new passport is valid for 10 years and the only thing needed is a fingerprint of the left and right forefinger.

For applicants younger than 18, the passport will be valid for only 5 years. Since the fee that Aruba has to pay the Netherlands has increased, the government has decided to enforce the higher the passport tariffs here. The new fees are as follows:

* AWG 160.- for an adult passport which is valid for 10 years

* WG 190.- for a business passport which is valid for 10 years

* AWG 120.- for a passport for citizens under 18 which is valid for 5 years

As of today, March 10, citizens can start applying for a new passport at the new passport office situated in the L.G. Smith Boulevard 26. For appointments call tel.: 583-8181



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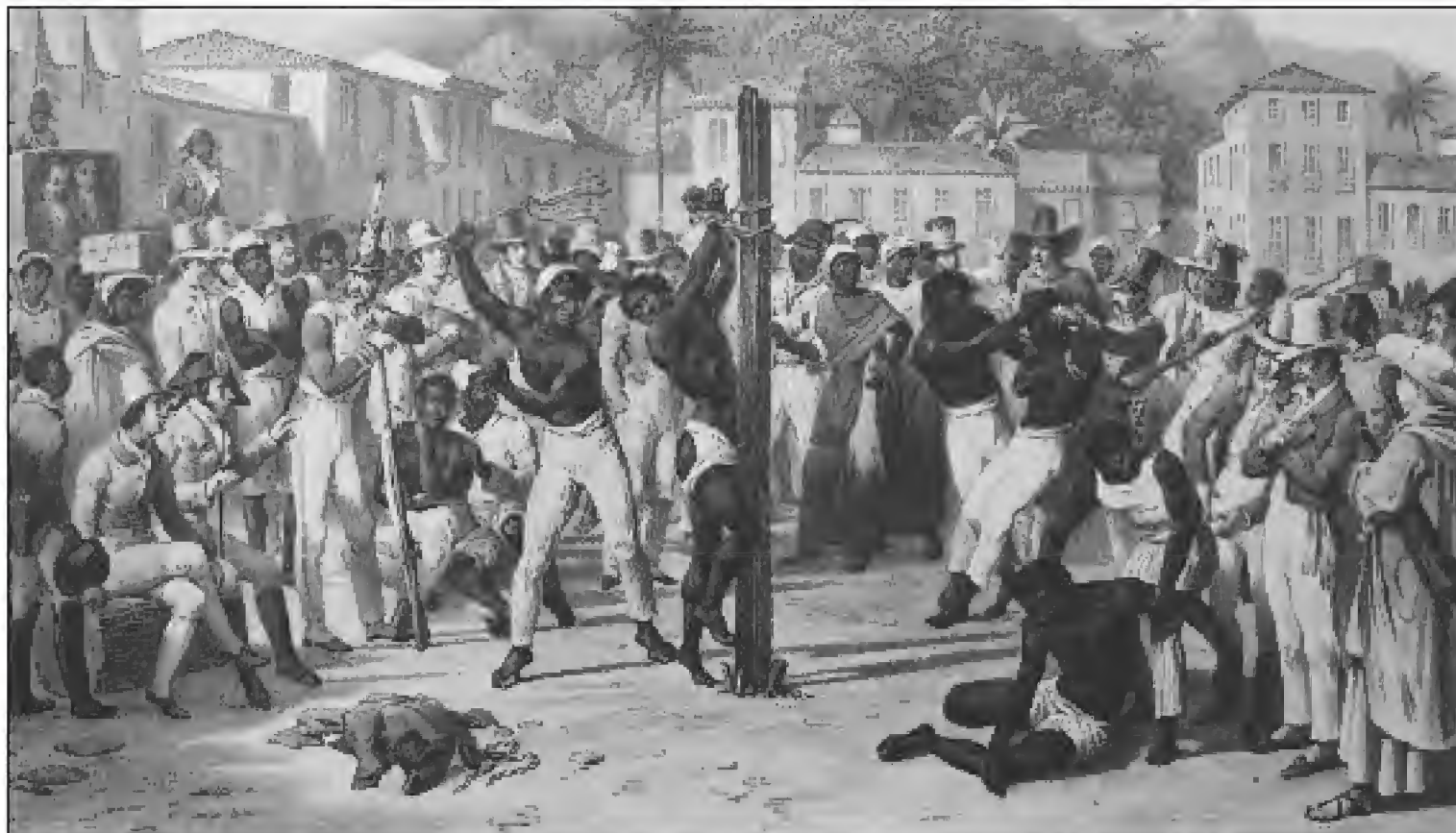
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Aruba National Library presents the exposition 'Slavery imagined'



ORANJESTAD – In connection with the 'Commemoration of 150 Years of the Abolition of Slavery,' the Aruba National

Library will present the exposition 'Slavery imagined.' The exposition is a production of the University of Amsterdam

and gives an impression of the history of slavery. The exposition is displayed on a series of panels by means of object, text and images. It is geared for youngsters but will prove interesting and informative for all ages. During the month of March the National Library

provide visitors with a tour and explanation; just contact Mrs. Luci Rubiano for an appointment if interested in a group tour.

The exposition is a brief overview of slavery, which has existed since before recorded history, but the main focus is in the 17th, 18th and 19th century of the Dutch culture and the ex-colony Suriname. The presentation is extensive; visitors can learn a great deal from the information contained. It shows how it affected various parts of the Dutch Kingdom, as well as the 6 Dutch Caribbean islands. Everyone, especially schools, are invited to visit the expo at the main branch of the National



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Ninja is on the look-out for friends and family members



SANTA LUCIA -- We would like to introduce Ninja to you, one of the donkeys that has found a home at the Aruba Donkey Sanctuary. Ninja was captured at Rooi Master and taken to the sanctuary in a trailer. He is a good-looking 20-year-old white donkey, who is nice and quiet. He has a grey spot on top of his buttocks and he's always in the company of his friend Aramis. Both are shy and modest, but they don't need to worry: they are well-respected by the rest of the herd.

This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip, just like all the other donkeys. On the chip is information about the donkey and its medical history. The donkeys at the sanctuary have a lot of friends with

whom they can play all day long. And they love living there: they are well-cared for, they are fed and watered and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanctuary.

The volunteers are trying to cover the various costs with all kinds of activities and the sale of great donkey memorabilia in the shop. Fortunately, there are also visitors who wish to adopt a donkey, who buy something at the donkey shop or who make a donation. Thus they help support us.

The volunteers of the sanctuary are hoping that somebody will adopt this friendly, lovely donkey. Of course the donkey will keep on living at the sanctuary; you only need to pay AWG. 30,- per month for the donkey's keep. With this amount you help support the sanctuary as well as your own donkey. And you will receive a beautiful certificate and a super T-shirt and your name and photo will be posted on our website. So please call the sanctuary at 593-2933; you can also register via the website www.arubadonkey.org or donate money on bank account number 40.03.025 at the Aruba Bank! Just do it!

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The film stated this may not be accurate or fair, but serves the purpose of those trying to make a case for gender decimation. It contends that life choices between genders should also be taken into account: women will stop working for a cluster of years to have children and initially raise them, before returning to the labor market, which will interrupt their steady salary growth. This, according to Dr. Horowitz, accounts for noticeable differences in salaries between genders with similar job descriptions.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar pointed out, however, that there are an countless circumstances similar to the more famous Lilly Ledbetter case. Ledbetter, a 20-year veteran and executive with Goodyear, and the sole woman to reach her level of position with the company, discovered she was being paid 40% less wages than her male counterparts. She took the company to court, won, but then lost on appeal in a higher court, for the reason that she "waited too long" to make her claim. Her case did lead to the proposal of the Lilly

the boys reported to hate reading entirely, to only 10.9% of the girls. When it came to mathematics, however, girls outdistance boys to hating the subject; 20.5% of the girls hated it compared to 16.7%, while an exactly equal 5.8% of boys and girls reported being "dumb in mathematics."

In concluding, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar asked, "How can we be part of the change?" Her answers were led by the need for deeper studies and more data, as the contradictory reports indicate regarding gender wage discrimination.

Awareness among educators, social workers, administrations and the community is far from sufficient, and the concern to become aware needs to be stimulated.



Aruba Bank's Rosila Acosta

to continue their education, and how they would apply what they learned for the betterment of their community. Emilien and Alysee are off studying abroad, but Anoushka, a teacher, was on hand to receive her endowment to refine her studies in the Montessori Method. She also received an additional \$1,000 from long-time annual visitor to Aruba Michelle Begin of Canada, a social activist who conducts a charity volleyball tournament to give back to worthy Aruban causes.

The presentations of the guest speakers will be covered in subsequent articles. Though conspicuously of different topics, there is an underlying theme to the day and the talks, which is recognizing and handling misperceptions, perhaps those we place upon ourselves, or by society, which prevents us from being the best and most effective individuals that we can be. This, in many cases is what holds women back from fully developing their intelligence and realizing all their talents, but applies to all genders. It was a point brought home by the presence of a number of male members of the current cabinet at the women's conference, including Minister of Public Health, Elderly Care and Sport, Dr. Alex Schwengle, Minister of Social Affairs, Youth Policy and Labor, Paul Croes and Minister of Finance and Government Organization, Juan-David Yrausquin, who attended with their wives.

Their interest underlined the point that Aruba's International Women's Day Conference, which is, in actuality, a community conference, imparting vital information for both genders regarding the state and improvement of the island society, which must be accomplished by all citizens, male and female, working together toward this goal.



Anoushka v d Kuyp receives scholarship from ASF

Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which is still bogged down in federal legislation. This, and many cases like it, would certainly contradict the findings of Professor Horowitz.

The Minister went on to cite another study conducted on the island, and that was regarding self-concepts among island adolescents of both genders. Women's Day is not only about presentations that are uplifting to women and girls, but about how self-realization and improvement can contribute to the community as a whole. The study was conducted among 4119 children in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades, which were pretty evenly split between the two genders. Girls rated their reading ability higher than did the boys, and the higher the grade, the better the girls fared in percentage to the boys' self-perception. Overall, 17.5% of

As a community, the children and their education is essential to the future. Parents, teachers, administrators, politicians and potential employers should be "involved up to their elbows," in seeing the best education possible is provided for both girls and boys, with the removal of gender barriers and creating passion for learning and education in youth. The self-perception study revealed an alarming disinterest in schooling as children advanced; understand the reasons for this and how to counteract it is of utmost importance.

A highpoint in the morning's presentations was the awarding of three scholarships by the Aruba Scholarship Foundation to island women. Emilien Kelly, Alysee Boekhoudt and Anoushka van der Kuyp submitted inspiring videos as to why they wished



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PALM BEACH — Mr. and Mrs. Fazio, timeshare owners at the Marriott Surf Club, were extremely happy when taxi drivers Herbert Croes (taxi #219) and Jose da Silva (taxi #150) went above and beyond to locate and return their missing valuables.

On Carnival Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Fazio checked in at the Marriott Surf Club for their long awaited two weeks' vacation when they noticed that they were missing their travel pocketbook containing all their valuables such as passports, credit cards, cash and dinner certificates. Consequently, they ran outside to get a cab to return to the airport to look for their pocketbook. While talking to the bellman, taxi driver Herbert overheard the guests' story and felt their concern and right away offered to help. He promised Mr. and Mrs. Fazio that he will locate their travel pocketbook.

At the airport, Herbert was able to identify the taxi driver who dropped off Mr. and Mrs. Fazio at the Marriott Surf Club and contacted him instantly to check if the pocketbook was left behind in his car. Taxi driver Jose da Silva responded with urgency and drove straight to the airport to deliver the pocketbook to the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Fazio were extremely happy and grateful for the heroic deed of the two gentlemen. To show their appreciation, Mr. and Mrs. Fazio arranged a public recognition to openly thank Herbert and Jose for their immense help. Mrs. Fazio read a paragraph from a book out loud to Herbert highlighting that God heard their prayer and put Herbert in their path at the right place and time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fazio have been visiting Aruba since 1999 annually. They enjoy the island and its people. "This is another amazing example why we choose to visit Aruba yearly. It is because of the kind people of Aruba that make our stay feel special," expressed Mr. Fazio smiling.

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SETAR and SIDN sign cooperation agreement on .aw, the top-level domain for Aruba

ARNHEM/ORANJESTAD - SETAR, the local telecom operator and registry for Aruba's country-code domain .aw, has signed a cooperation agreement with SIDN (the Foundation for Internet Domain Registration in the Netherlands). Under the agreement, SIDN will provide registry services for .aw. SETAR will use SIDN's systems for registering .aw domain names and for administering the .aw domain. The agreement is for an initial period of five years. From 1 March, SIDN will make a new registration system available, plus related systems such as a Whois and an extension to SETAR's DNS infrastructure. In addition, all existing .aw domain names have been migrated to the new system.

A fresh .aw zone file will be generated and published on the upgraded DNS infrastructure every two hours by the SIDN-operated registration system.

Although the arrival of new gTLDs (generic top-level domains) means that the number of registry service providers seeking to administer new domains is growing all the time, careful consideration led SETAR to choose SIDN as its partner for the professionalisation of .aw. SIDN has administered the .nl domain for more than fifteen years and has consequently built up a great deal of expertise in the field of domain names. SIDN is also widely recognised as one of the most secure and reliable registries in the world.

HOH Emergency Department report 60 incidents during Carnival weekend

ORANJESTAD — As of the Thursday prior to the last carnival weekend of the season, Horacio Oduber Hospital (HOH) Emergency Department began a study of the steady flow of patients. A total of 380 patients were treated, of which 67 were admitted in the hospital. Of the 380 treated cases, 12 were for mistreatment, 18 cases were caused by auto accidents, 5 were for alcohol intoxication, 2 cases were listed as food poisoning and 11 incidents were people who fell off stages or other platforms used to watch the Carnival parades. Of the abovementioned

cases, 20 patients were under the influence of alcohol, of which 9 were admitted in hospital.

The Home Physician Department treated 232 patients during 8 shifts. This is about 28-29 patients per shift, which is less than the normal average of 40 patients per shift for a home physician.

The Horacio Oduber Hospital and Aruba in general extend a hearty 'thank you' to the Emergency Department personnel who did their utmost to treat every patients with the necessary care.

Beatings in the Ukraine... Peru confirms Dutch convict will be extradited to US in 2038

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AFP photo shows a sailor guarding a Russian navy ship in the Bay of Sevastopol.

An emotional Khodorkovsky said Russia had colluded with the former Ukrainian authorities in violence that claimed 100 lives over three months of demonstrations against ousted president Viktor Yanukovich.

Yatsenyuk, who heads to Washington this week, vowed the Ukraine would not cede "an inch" of its territory to Moscow. "It is our land," he told a crowd of several thousand in Kiev.

A senior Russian lawmaker meanwhile said Moscow had set aside \$1.1 billion (790 million euros) in aid for Crimea.

The tensions in the Ukraine have stretched diplomatic relations between Moscow and Washington nearly to breaking point and regular talks have brought little except mutual accusations and grave warnings.

US Secretary of State John Kerry warned Saturday following his latest talks with Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov that continued Russian military defiance "would close any available space for diplomacy".

- Important to be united -

Illustrating the divisions in the Ukraine, interim president Oleksandr Turchynov led a minute of silence at the Kiev rally for slain demonstrators.

In contrast, pro-Moscow activists in Donetsk paid tribute to a feared riot police unit accused of shooting at protesters in the explosion of violence in Kiev last month.

Former boxer turned politician Vitali Klitschko was also in the industrial city and called for unity.

In Kharkiv in the northeast -- a city almost evenly split between Ukrainian speakers and Russian speakers -- hundreds of Orthodox believers gathered to pray for peace, kneeling in a city centre square.

In Odessa, local media said some 3,000 people sang the Ukraine's national anthem on the Potemkin Stairs made fa-

mous by the silent film "The Battleship Potemkin".

- 'Illegal occupation' -

Rival protesters in the Crimean capital Simferopol vented their anger at each other but their rallies were peaceful yesterday, as Ukrainians celebrated the 200th anniversary of 19th-century poet and national unity figure Taras Shevchenko.

Around 1,000 people joined the demonstration, while some 10,000 turned out for a rival rally across town on Lenin Square in a sea of Russian tricolours.

A number of security incidents in Crimea point to the situation worsening, with Ukrainian border guards reporting the arrival by land and sea of 60 Russian military lorries on the rugged peninsula of two million people.

The border service said yesterday that "Russian extremists" had attacked a radar post, in the latest move by Russian forces surrounding the Ukrainian military bases in the region.

Ukrainian authorities have also accused Russia of deliberately sinking three of its own ships into a lake off the Black Sea to block the Ukrainian navy.

There were also Ukrainian troop movements from the west with 50 armoured personnel carriers seen rolling out of the city of Lviv on Saturday in what the defence ministry said were pre-planned exercises.

- Sanctions and threats -

As the crisis has escalated, Washington has imposed visa bans on targeted Russians and Ukrainians and warned of wider sanctions against Russia, while the EU has halted visa and other talks with Moscow.

Russia has warned that any sanctions would "inevitably have a boomerang effect" and a defence official said Saturday Moscow may halt foreign inspections of its nuclear arse-

nal in response to "threats" from the US and NATO.

Adding to the tensions, state-run energy giant Gazprom has warned debt-stricken Ukraine it may cut off gas supplies over an unpaid \$1.89-billion bill -- a move that could have knock-on effects across Europe.

Moscow continues to insist it has sent no extra troops to Crimea, despite parliament giving Putin the greenlight to do so, and says it is only deploying units from its Black Sea Fleet already stationed there.

Erik Nielsen, chief economist at UniCredit bank, predicted that with Crimea under Russia's "de facto control", Moscow will no longer be a member of the G8 by the end of the year and will have suffered political isolation and economic fallout.

LIMA (AFP) - Peru confirmed yesterday it will extradite Dutch convicted killer Joran Van der Sloot, serving a 28-year sentence here for murdering a young Peruvian woman, to the United States in 2038.

The widely expected decision was two years in coming. Lima had said earlier the Dutchman would be extradited to the United States, but only after he serves his sentence in Peru first.

Van der Sloot, 26, pleaded guilty and was handed down his sentence in January 2012 for the "cruel and savage" murder of 21-year-old Peruvian Stephany Flores on May 30, 2010.

The victim had been struck, then strangled in a hotel room

in Lima, where she ended up with her assailant after meeting in a casino, where they played poker.

In 2012, Peru's top court agreed to allow Van der Sloot's extradition to the United States, where he is the prime suspect

in the 2005 disappearance of 18-year-old US college student Natalee Holloway on the Caribbean island of Aruba.

Van der Sloot allegedly extorted \$25,000 from Holloway's parents in exchange for information about their daughter, whom he also met in a casino. Once he received the money, he fled to Peru.

Lima's extradition decision coincided with a visit by Dutch Queen Maxima.



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Venezuela divisions deepen as protest over food shortages is halted

CARACAS -- Hundreds of National Guardsmen in riot gear and armoured vehicles prevented an "empty pots march" from reaching Venezuela's food ministry on Saturday to protest against chronic food shortages.

President Nicolás Maduro's socialist government, meanwhile, celebrated an Organisation of American States (OAS) declaration supporting its efforts to bring a solution to the country's worst political violence in years, calling it a diplomatic victory. The United States, Canada and Panama were the only nations to oppose the declaration.

"The meddling minority against Venezuela in the OAS, Panama, Canada and the US, is defeated in a historic decision that respects our sovereignty," government spokeswoman Delcy Rodríguez tweeted.

Later on Saturday, several hundred student protesters trying to block streets with barri-

cades skirmished with riot police who fired tear gas in the wealthy Caracas district of Chacao, in what has become a near daily ritual.

There were no immediate reports of injuries as motorcycle-mounted riot police, taunted from apartment buildings, chased protesters through darkening streets.

The government said it wanted to contain the march because it "had not been authorised".

Earlier, more than 5,000 protesters banged pots, blew horns and whistles and carried banners in the capital to decry crippling inflation and shortages of basics including flour, milk and toilet paper. Similar protests were held in at least five other cities.

Mr Capriles spoke to thousands of women, students and opposition supporters at the "March of the Empty Pot", that coincided with the International Women's Day.

Israel: 40 160-km-range rockets aboard 'Iran arms ship'

JERUSALEM (AFP) - The Israeli military said yesterday it had found 40 rockets with a range of 160 kilometers (100 miles) aboard a ship allegedly transporting arms from Iran to the Gaza Strip.

The army said it seized the Panamanian-flagged Klos-C on Wednesday and escorted it to the Red Sea port of Eilat where it was inspected yesterday and unloaded in an operation dubbed "Full Disclosure".

A statement said security forces searching the Klos-C had found "40 rockets (type M-302), up to the range of 160 kilometres, 181 122mm mortar shells, approximately 400,000

7.62-calibre rounds".

It said the unloading and inspection of containers was carried out by a combined task-force from various units including the Israeli Navy, the Combat Engineering Corp and the Ordnance Corps.

The Klos-C was escorted into Eilat by two Israeli warships late on Saturday after Wednesday's interception in the Red Sea between Eritrea and Sudan.

Iran has flatly denied any involvement with the shipment, but Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday accused the Islamic republic of "brazenly lying".

Possible debris from Malaysia flight found off Vietnam



PURI -- Indian sand artist Sudersan Pattnaik yesterday gave final touches on a sand sculpture with a message of prayers for the missing Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 - which vanished from radar early on March 8 somewhere at sea between Malaysia and Vietnam - at Puri beach, some 65 kilometers away from Bhubaneswar. Possible debris from vanished Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 was found in the sea off Vietnam by a search team yesterday, a senior official said. It was the first time that authorities had given any positive indication that traces of the Boeing 777, which disappeared in the early hours of Saturday carrying 239 people, may have been discovered. They received information from a Vietnamese plane saying that they found two broken objects, which seem like those of an aircraft, located about 50 miles to the south-west of Tho Chu Island. As it is night they cannot fish them out for proper identification. They have located the position of the areas and flown back to the land. Planes and boats would be sent back to the area today to investigate further. Two large oil slicks which authorities suspect were caused by jet fuel were detected late Saturday further south off the island chain. Malaysia said yesterday the missing airliner may have inexplicably turned back, as authorities launched a terror probe into the plane's sudden disappearance, investigating suspect passengers who boarded with stolen passports. (AFP PHOTO)



BOGOTÁ : A man casts his vote at a polling station in Bogotá, during parliamentary elections in Colombia on March 9, 2014. Colombians went to the polls yesterday to elect new legislators, in a vote seen as a referendum on peace talks with leftist guerrillas and a bellwether for May's presidential election. (AFP PHOTO)



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Congolese men launch feminist group



BUKAVU (AFP) - Two dozen men in the Democratic Republic of Congo have launched a group to fight for women's rights in the region, which has been called the worst place in the world to be a woman.

"Women's rights don't just affect feminist movements," the members of V-Men Congo said in a statement announcing the group's formation.

"The stakes are global. It's about our common humanity and the future of our society."

The group, led by Denis Mukwege, a celebrated doctor known for founding a clinic for rape victims in eastern DR Congo, was launched ahead of International Women's Day on Saturday.

Its mission is to combat "shameful" discrimination and misogynistic attitudes, which impede economic development, it said.

"Let's break the silence, let's change the mindset of our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters, our fathers and mothers, and let's put an end to impunity and to sexual violence," it said.

The group takes its name from the V-Day movement aimed at ending violence against women and girls, started by activist and playwright Eve Ensler, the author of "The Vagina Monologues".

The V stands for victory, valentine and vagina.

Scientists develop blood test to detect Alzheimer's disease

A blood test that can detect Alzheimer's disease up to three years before the onset of symptoms has been developed by scientists who believe that it could lead to the early diagnosis of progressive dementia in elderly people.

The test raises ethical concerns, however, as it is only 90 per cent accurate in its current form - meaning that

up to one in ten people could be wrongly diagnosed with a disease for which there is no effective treatment.

Researchers nevertheless believe that a blood test for Alzheimer's could help in the search for a therapy or cure by identifying those people in the population at highest risk and who could therefore benefit most from experimental treatments.

The blood test is based on analysing the fatty chemicals - known as lipids - circulating in the bloodstream, which begin to change as a result of a breakdown in the membranes of the brain cells associated with Alzheimer's.

Scientists have known that Alzheimer's disease begins long before the onset of the diagnostic symptoms, such as memory loss or confusion, and have tried for many years to find ways of detecting these changes with simple tests that could be used in the clinic.

A team of researchers led



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Sleep Tips to Help Kids' Weight

Does your child get enough sleep? If not, it could affect more than sleepiness at school. Studies suggest there may be a link between skimping on sleep and being overweight. Sleep shortfalls

may increase hunger hormones -- so kids eat more. Also, kids are less likely to get exercise (and burn off calories) when they're tired.

To help kids and teens get a good night's sleep:

* **Remove TVs, computers, and gadgets from kids' bedrooms.**

* **Avoid large meals before bedtime.**

* **Develop a regular bedtime routine.**

* **Set firm bedtimes and wake times.**

* **Make sure the bedroom is quiet, dark, relaxing -- and not too hot or cold.**

* **Help kids quiet down a few hours before bedtime.**

* **Heavy studying, text messaging, or video games should end in early evening.**

How much sleep do schoolkids need? It depends on the child. But here are some general guidelines from the National Sleep Foundation:

Ages 3-5: 11-13 hours

Ages 5-12: 10-11 hours

Ages 11-17: 9.5-9.25 hours



Potent new painkiller stokes alarm in US

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A potent new painkiller hit the US market this week, despite warnings from top experts that the drug may deliver a deadly setback in America's battle with opioid addiction. Zohydro ER can contain 10 times the amount of hydrocodone as the most popular prescription painkiller, Vicodin, and is easily crushable so it could be snorted, bearing none of the recent safeguards added to pills like OxyContin (oxycodone). In a nation where some 15,000 people die annually from prescription painkiller use, the drug's approval has raised alarm among doctors, lawmakers and relatives of those lost to overdose. Two senators have launched an investigation into practices by the US Food and Drug Administration, amid allegations that pharmaceutical companies eager for a chunk of the \$9 billion painkiller market may have paid to influence regulators' decisions. "It's almost unheard of," said Andrew Kolodny, president of the group Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing. "For FDA to approve a drug that is going to make a serious problem worse, it is pretty shocking."



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U2 rolls back next album to 2015: report



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - U2 are pushing back the release of their 13th album to 2015 despite a new single and many high-profile media appearances, music industry journal Billboard said recently.

Citing anonymous sources, it said the Irish mega band fronted by Bono has scheduled additional sessions with producers Ryan Tedder and Paul Epworth, although Danger Mouse remains the project's central producer.

"It seems to be taking longer for them to finish an album as they get older, but the great thing about U2 is that the whole of a record is always better than the sum of its parts," Billboard quoted a source close to the project as saying.

"That magic that the band always seems to capture ... they have yet to capture it."

Billboard also reported that a U2 tour that would have been announced this month, and would have kicked off in September, has also been rolled back to next year.

Since the start of this year, U2 has played at the Golden Globes as well as on "The Tonight Show" on the night Jimmy Fallon took over as its host on NBC.

The group also rolled out their latest single "Invisible" during American football's Super Bowl, in a tie-in with Bank of America to raise funds for the AIDS charity Red.

Marraige on the rebound



Stacy Keibler broke a basic rule of romance -- never marry the rebound guy.

Stacy -- who famously

dated and broke up with George Clooney -- and new hubby Jared Pobre shocked their family and friends Saturday by getting married on a beach in Mexico during a surprise ceremony ... and -- get this -- they told People they'd been planning it for months.

Weird ... 'cause back in July '13 she told GMA marriage was the "last thing on her mind."

Mazel tov.

'300' sequel slays box-office rivals

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Bloody ancient Greece fantasy-action movie "300: Rise of an Empire" slayed the competition at the North American box office this weekend, estimated figures showed Sunday.

The gory follow-up to the 2007 hit "300" raked in \$45 million in its opening weekend, although it was some way off the \$70.9 million the original film earned on opening.

The latest film, based on an as-yet-unreleased graphic novel by Frank Miller, sees the return of several characters from the first film, notably the fearsome Persian warrior Xerxes played by Rodrigo Santoro.

In second place was another debut, animated children's film "Mr Peabody & Sherman."

The film, based on characters from the 1960s television cartoon "Rocky and Bullwinkle" follows the adventures of a super-intelligent canine who adopts a human infant.

The Fox movie took \$32.5 million, box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations reported.

In third spot was last week's number one film, "Non-Stop", the Liam Neeson action movie set on an long-haul flight. The film added another \$15 million to its total earnings.

Fourth place was occupied by "The Lego Movie", the hit animated film inspired by the children's toy building blocks, with \$11 million.

Religious epic "Son of



God" meanwhile added \$10 million to take fifth spot.

George Clooney's "The Monuments Men" starring Bill Murray, Matt Damon, and Oscar-winning actress Cate Blanchett, took sixth place with \$3.1 million.

The Kevin Costner thriller "3 Days To Kill", about a secret agent tasked with one final deadly mission, was seventh with \$3.06 million.

Animated Oscar-winner "Frozen", loosely based on a Hans Christian Andersen

fairytale, took eighth spot with \$3.01 million.

Newly crowned Academy Awards best picture winner "12 Years A Slave" returned to the top 10 this week following its Oscar triumph last Sunday.

Steve McQueen's harrowing slavery drama earned \$2.2 million in its 21st week of release to stand ninth.

Comedy "Ride Along" rounded out the top 10 with \$2 million.

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Candy Crush sweetens gaming for female audience



LONDON (AFP) - With three young children and a full-time job, Emma Martini has little time for computer games. But every night she sits quietly at the end of her son's bed to reassure him while he falls asleep -- and plays Candy Crush.

"It stops me sitting there in the dark for 15 minutes staring at the wall!" the 32-year-old told AFP, laughing.

Martini is one of the legion of fans of the addictive online game, many of whom can be seen playing it at every spare minute on their tablets and smartphones.

Unlike conventional console games that can take hours, Candy Crush Saga is one of the most popular of the new "casual games" that can be played in short bursts and on the move.

It has seeped into every day life -- and attracted new audiences, with women making up two-thirds of Candy Crush players, according to its British developer King.

"I'm not into computers and what little time I've got I'm inclined to spend reading a book," said Martini, a teaching assistant from Spilsby in eastern England.

But she was persuaded to download Candy Crush by her mother, 52, who was "driving me crackers" sending requests to join the game on Facebook and help her pass the next level.

New Martini plays every evening as her four-year-old dozes off, saying: "I'm filling a void of time."

"Casual gaming has really taken off in the female population," said Mark Griffiths, director of the International Gaming Research Unit at Nottingham Trent University.

"Most of it is fitting in between the baby having a sleep, or on the commute on the way home, but it's not something that takes over from the important things in your life."

"It's there as a quick fix for boredom."

- '100 percent concentration' -

Candy Crush is a simple game. There are hundreds of levels but they all involve moving brightly coloured sweets around a grid to get three of a kind in a row.

Yet it is utterly absorbing, causing travellers to miss their stop, workers to overrun their lunch hours and kids to stay up late into the night trying to get to the next level.

A gaming expert, Griffiths is a fan of traditional consoles but he plays Candy Crush on long journeys to distract himself from the pain of a long-term spinal problem.

"It's a game that requires 100 percent concentration -- you basically forget about everything around you," he told AFP.

Samsung jumps into crowded music market

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Samsung recently unveiled a free music service for users of its Galaxy smartphones, entering a crowded market that includes Pandora, Spotify and Apple's iTunes.

The service dubbed "Milk Music" will offer some 200 ad-free radio stations to US customers with Samsung Galaxy devices.

"Milk introduces a fresh approach to music that reflects our innovation leadership and our focus on creating best-in-class consumer experiences," said Gregory Lee, president and chief executive of Samsung Telecommunications America.

"We're offering consumers amazing, rich music experiences built around what matters most to them and their lifestyle."

Milk is powered by the radio service Slacker. The company suggested it may take a page from Apple by offering "unique music programming from top selling and emerging artists" available exclusively through the platform.

The South Korean Electronics giant, which is the world's biggest smartphone maker and is challenging Apple in the US market, said the service will be offered with no log-in required and no need to browse for a specific artist or song.

It will have 200 genre-based and curated stations and some 13 million songs, and like other service will allow six song skips per hour per station.

Apple last year introduced its ad-supported iTunes radio service, which also allows customers to make purchases from the iTunes catalog.

New ozone-depleting gases found in atmosphere

PARIS (AFP) - Worried scientists said Sunday they had found four new ozone-depleting gases in the atmosphere, most likely put there by humans in the last 50-odd years despite a ban on these dangerous compounds.

It is the first time since the 1990s that new substances damaging to Earth's stratospheric shield have been found, and others may be out there, they said.

"Our research has shown four gases that were not around in the atmosphere at all until the 1960s, which suggests they are man-made," the team from Europe and Australia wrote in the journal Nature Geoscience.

They analysed unpolluted air samples collected in Tasmania between 1978 and 2012, and from deep, compacted snow in Greenland.

"The identification of these four new gases is very worrying as they will contribute to the destruction of the ozone layer," added a statement from the team.

"We don't know where the new gases are being emitted from, and this should be investigated."

Three of the gases are

chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) - a group which includes chemicals traditionally found in air-conditioning, refrigerators and aerosol spray cans but banned under the Montreal Protocol.

The fourth is a hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC), part of a closely-related group of compounds which replaced CFCs but are being phased out.

More than 74,000 tonnes of the four newly-identified gases had accumulated in the atmosphere by 2012, said the team.

- Riddle of the source -

"However, the reported emissions are clearly contrary to the intentions behind the Montreal Protocol, and raise questions about the sources of these gases," the team wrote.

Two of the gases, one CFC and the HCFC, are still accumulating.

Previously, seven types of CFC and six of HCFC were known to contribute to ozone destruction.

CFCs, the main cause of the hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica, are man-made organic compounds made of carbon, chlorine and fluorine.

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Bernanke: US economy improving, but still fragile

HOUSTON -- Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is still keeping a close eye on the US economic recovery, which he said is progressing but still somewhat fragile.

"The woods are still there--there are just fewer trees," Mr Bernanke said on the weekend.

The US unemployment rate edged up to 6.7 per cent in February from 6.6 per cent in January, and harsh winter weather is thought to be one of the culprits for slowing economic growth in recent months. But Mr Bernanke said the Labor Department's announcement Friday that the US economy added 175,000 private-sector jobs in February is "consistent with the expectation of continued recovery in the economy."

Mr Bernanke's address in Houston was his third public speech since stepping down from the Fed's helm after eight years as chairman. At times, he slipped into the first person plural while defending the Fed's extraordinary measures at the height of the financial

crisis and its efforts to stimulate the economy since. "Well I can't say 'we' anymore--the Fed has become much more intensely interested in doing stress tests," he said.

Pointing to a healthier banking system and a partial recovery in US housing markets, Mr Bernanke said Friday the Fed's actions, while not always popular, hastened recovery and helped make the financial system more resilient to potentially unexpected shocks in the future.

In December, under Mr Bernanke, the Fed began reducing its monthly bond purchases, which are aimed at holding down long-term interest rates to encourage more spending, hiring and investment. The Fed has also held short-term rates near zero since late 2008 to help boost growth.

Fed officials have said they expect to gradually wind down the bond-buying program this year if the economy keeps improving as they forecast. And most of them have indicated they are likely to wait until sometime next year to start

raising short-term interest rates.

Mr Bernanke said choosing when to start raising rates "will be a tricky decision and one that will require a lot of work and a lot of thought."

"Obviously at some point, we hope that the economy will reach full employment and inflation will begin to move toward levels that are more sustainable and closer to target. At that point, it will be up to the Fed to begin to withdraw," he said. "Everybody understands that at some point that will begin to happen."

Mr Bernanke also said he would be keeping an eye on China, which he said is the most important influence on the health of emerging-market economies and is also at a critical juncture.

"China is engaged in a very tricky transition right now," he said, adding that the country needs to shift its economy to rely more on domestic demand rather than relying heavily on exports, in order to reach stable growth levels of 7 per cent to 8 per cent.

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Caribbean nations prepare demand for slavery reparations

ST. VINCENT -- More than 150 years after European colonial powers abolished slavery, a coalition of Caribbean nations is considering legal action to seek a formal apology and monetary compensation.

Heads of state of 15 Caribbean nations will gather in St Vincent today to unveil a plan demanding reparations from Europe for the enduring suffering inflicted by the Atlantic slave trade.

The subject of reparations has simmered in the Caribbean for many years and opinions are divided. Some see reparations as delayed justice, while others see it as an empty claim and a distraction from modern social problems in Caribbean societies.

Slavery ended throughout the Caribbean in the 1800s in the wake of slave revolts, and left many of the region's plantation economies in tatters.

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If the leaders decide to go ahead, a legal complaint will be filed against European states, possibly opening the way for formal negotiations.

The European states targeted are Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

A 10-point plan will be unveiled today at the heads of government meeting of Caricom, the regional political and economic body. Given the head of steam behind the reparations movement in the Caribbean, the blueprint is expected to be approved. It will then go forward for discussion with European governments.

The claims are being channeled through the United Nations convention on the elimination of racial discrimination, and processed with the help of the London law firm Leigh Day.

William Ford, grandson of famed carmaker, dies at 88

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- William Clay Ford, the last surviving grandchild of automotive innovator Henry Ford and owner of the Detroit Lions, died Sunday of pneumonia at the age of 88.

Ford, who served as Ford Motor Company's director emeritus, died at his home, the company said in a statement.

Having bought the Lions in 1963 for \$4.5 million, Ford would have turned 89 on Saturday.

He was the largest indi-

vidual shareholder at Ford, serving as a board member and employee for 57 years after joining the company in 1949 upon graduation from Yale University.

Ford held various executive and board positions at the company, including chairman of Ford's design committee, chairman of its executive committee and a member of the office of the chief executive.

In 1980, he was elected vice chairman of the board and in 1987, chairman of the finance



committee.

Control of the team will likely go to the son, who has served as vice chairman of the Lions since February 1995.

Ford is survived by his wife, Martha Firestone Ford, plus three daughters, one son, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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MANILA : Hotel heiress Paris Hilton waves as she arrive at Manila's international airport on March 9, 2014. Hilton is in Manila for the official opening of her first real estate project in the country, the Paris Beach Club at the Azure Urban Resort Residences on March 13, 2014.

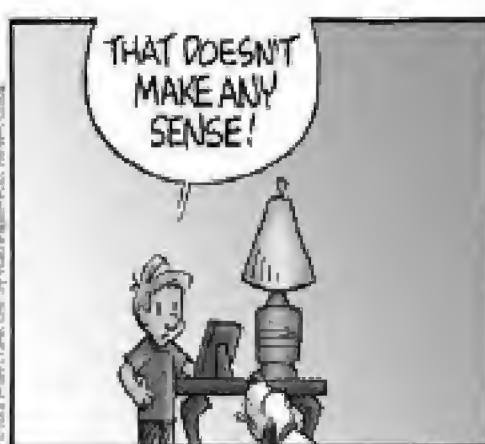
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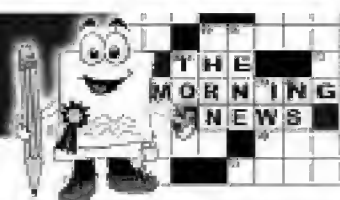
Lianyungang : A Chinese family shops for vegetables at a market in Lianyungang, in eastern China's Jiangsu province on March 9, 2014. China's inflation rate dropped to 2.0 percent year-on-year in February, down from 2.5 percent in January, the government said on March 9, prompting economists to warn that the risk of deflation was rising.

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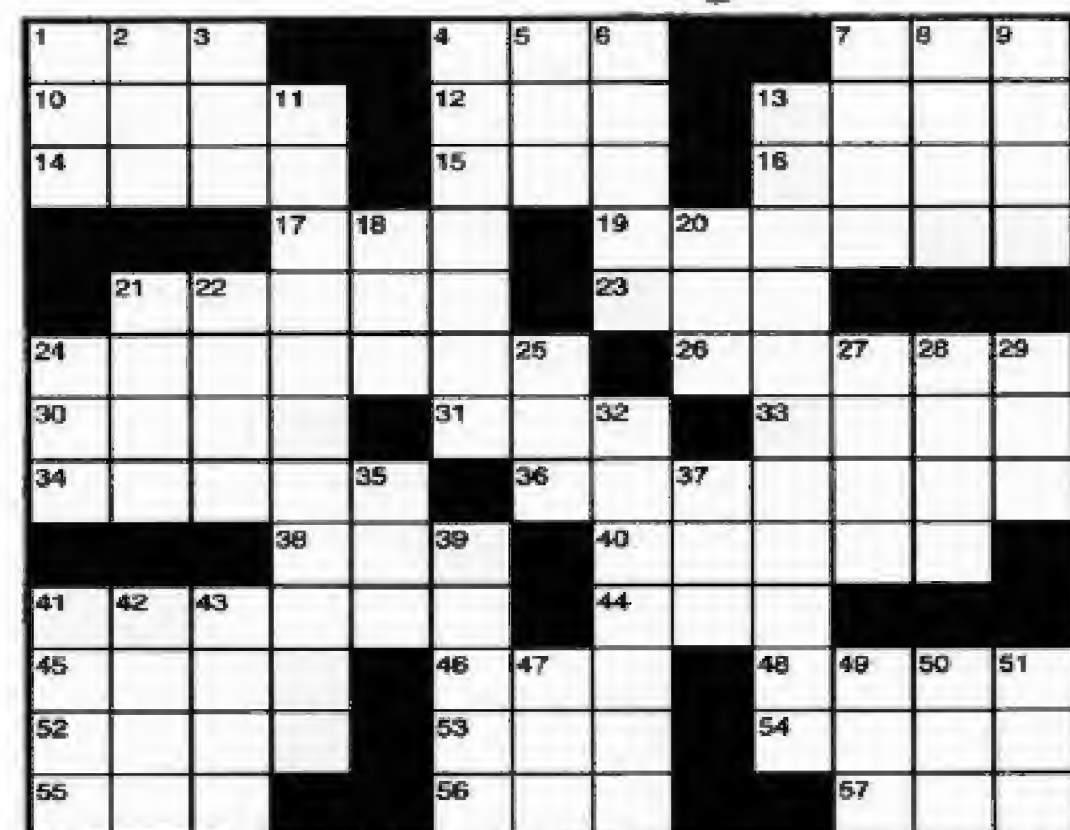
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24. Hosp. figures
25. Fisherman's need
27. Broad
28. Twilight times
29. Home (abbr.)
32. Pamphlet
35. Dirt road feature
37. AFL-
39. Seance attendee, perhaps
41. Healthy
42. Student's challenge
43. Got off
47. Question word
49. Saucepan
50. Melodic syllable
51. Jazz instrument, for short

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1. Deg. from Wharton
4. Mother, in Liverpool
7. Compass pt.
10. Opulent
12. "The Lady Tramp" (2 wds.)
13. Lopez's theme song
14. Desire eagerly
15. Junior
16. "The doctor" (2 wds.)
17. Fleur-de-
19. Settle
21. Obvious
23. Tibetan ox
24. Barfly
26. Smaller in

number

30. Smell bad
31. Gdansk's locale (abbr.)
33. "One Life to"
34. Farmer, at times
36. Solves a secret message
38. Drag
40. Staff officers
41. It's toasted
44. Rival
45. Wheel spindle
46. Nocturnal bird
48. Selects
52. Bear's home
53. Female pronoun
54. Writer Roberts

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1. Speed abbr.
2. Sports fan's jeer
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6. Virile
7. Former slugger Sammy
8. Slash
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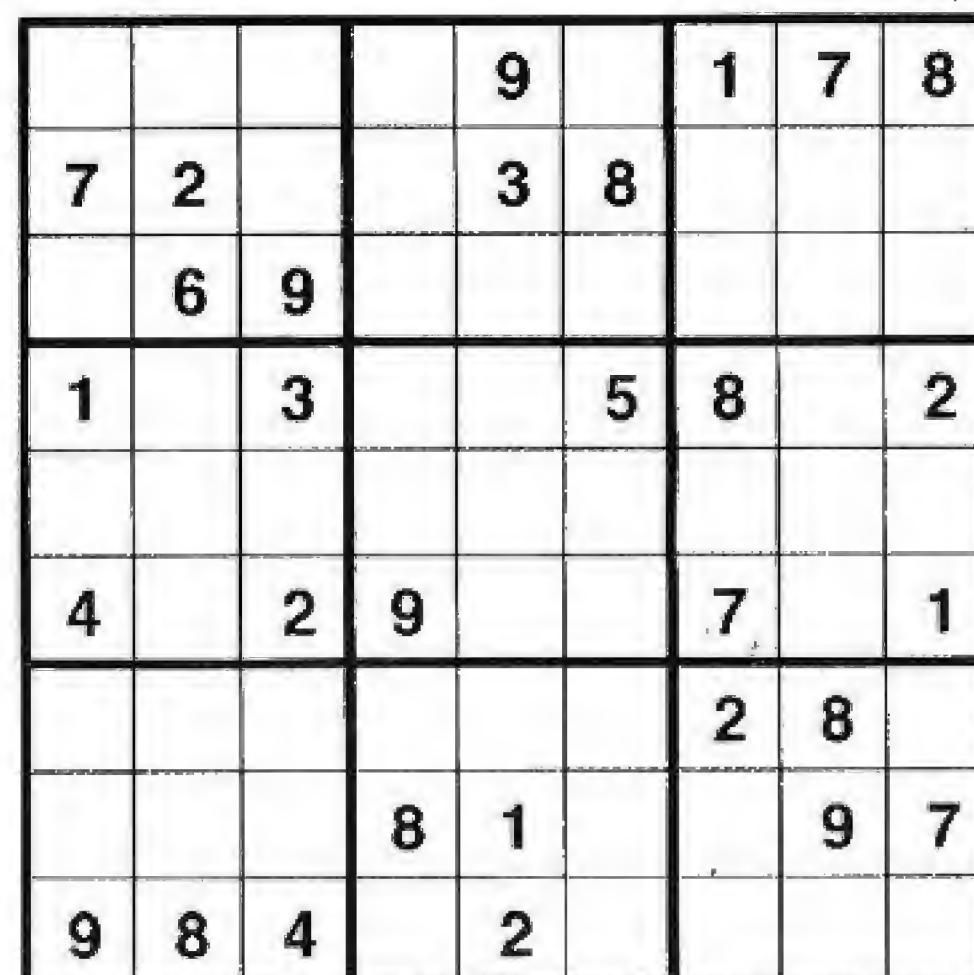
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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our



concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com

for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Discover authentic Aruban cuisine at The Queen's



Enjoy a true taste of Aruba without having to travel in the charming surroundings of The Queen's Restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza Mall. Your host, Varella Innocencia has brought her very popular Oranjestad eatery to Palm Beach, showcasing authentic local cuisine only a short walk away from the major resorts.

The "hipper" and elegant

new digs offer beautiful views, but Mama Luisa's magical touch in the kitchen is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generation. As Varella says, "My mom loves and lives to cook. Even when she is not at work in the restaurant, she is experiment-

ing with new dishes all day at home.

She is the Queen of the Kitchen."

Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a



Mama Luisa hard at work in the kitchen

cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to go, reasonably priced and easily accessible. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com/>.

Aside from an extensive regular menu they also have daily specials made from

whatever is in season, and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare. so don't be shy about asking for something that may not be on the menu, as they are always eager to please.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining.

Real Madrid back on top after Levante stroll



Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid celebrates with Sergio Ramos (L) and Xabi Alonso after scoring Real's opening goal

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid returned to the top of La Liga with a comfortable 3-0 win over Levante at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday.

Cristiano Ronaldo opened the scoring with his 38th goal of the season when he headed Angel di Maria's corner low past Keylor Navas after just 11 minutes.

Navas then kept his side in the game with a string of fine saves, but there was nothing the Costa Rican could do when Ronaldo teed up Marcelo to curl in the second four minutes after half-time.

Levante were reduced to 10 men on 63 minutes when David Navarro was shown a straight red card for a foul on Ronaldo.

And the visitors' miserable evening was summed up when Nikos Karabelas scored a spectacular own goal nine minutes from time to make it 3-0.

Victory means Real now lead second-placed Atletico Madrid by three points with Barcelona a further point back in third.

"It is a small advantage, but we cannot get ahead of ourselves. We can only think about the next game," said Real boss Carlo Ancelotti.

"At one point we were six points behind so right now we are in a very good position. All we can do is continue in this form."

"There is still a long way in the season to go and the objective is to get to the last game of the season in this position."

Seemingly buoyed by Barca's latest setback in losing to lowly Valladolid on

Saturday, Real started very brightly and Ronaldo forced Navas into his first stop after five minutes with a nicely cushioned volley that the keeper collected at the second attempt.

The Portuguese wasn't to be denied six minutes later, though, as he rose highest to meet Di Maria's cross and power his header low into the corner.

'Old man' Eto'o mocks Mourinho



LONDON (AFP) - Chelsea striker Samuel Eto'o made fun of manager Jose Mourinho's doubts about his age with an 'old man' celebration during his side's 4-0 win over Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday. Mourinho sparked controversy last month when footage of him suggesting that Eto'o may be older than he claims -- 32 -- was broadcast by a French television channel. After putting Chelsea ahead in the 56th minute, Eto'o raced to the corner flag, but abruptly slowed down, putting his left hand on his back and stooping to mimic old age. The celebration met with a flurry of approval on Twitter, with one picture quickly garnering more than 1,000 retweets. Mourinho claimed to have enjoyed Eto'o's celebration, telling Sky Sports: "It was fantastic. We knew it, because he was preparing something. I think he's amazing. The way he copes with the situation in the last couple of weeks, I think he's fantastic."

Samuels leads West Indies to 27-run victory

BRIDGETOWN (AFP) - West Indies returned to winning ways in the shortest variety, defeating England by 27 runs in the first T20 International of a three-match series at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown on Sunday.

Marlon Samuels, the star when the Caribbean side defeated Sri Lanka in the final of the last World T20 in Colombo 17 months ago, led the home team's effort with an unbeaten 69 as the West Indies totalled a competitive 170 for three. Samuels finished off a good afternoon's work in front of a celebratory full house with two wickets to seal the man of the match award.

Wrist-spinner Samuel Badree put the tourists on the back foot early on with three wickets and although all-rounders Tim Bresnan (47 not out) and Ravi Bopara (42) made useful contributions, England were always struggling to keep up with the required rate and were restricted to 143 for nine.

"We didn't get going today but that's something that can happen in Twenty20 cricket, especially when you're chasing a decent score," said England captain Stuart Broad.

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Fourth seed Berdych crashes out of Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS (AFP) - World number five Tomas Berdych crashed out of the Indian Wells ATP Masters on Sunday, falling in his opening match to 53rd-ranked Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain.

Bautista Agut, who toppled Juan Martin del Potro en route to the round of 16 at the Australian Open, used a punishing ground game to claim another top-10 scalp, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

"I played unbelievable," Bautista Agut said. "I was not serving very well, I had to play my best tennis from the baseline to win the match."

Berdych, an Australian Open semi-finalist who lifted the trophy in Rotterdam this year, arrived in California off a runner-up finish to Roger Federer in Dubai.

The 28-year-old Czech was at a loss to explain his off-key outing.

"Anything I touched today was basically bad and was wrong," he said. "Definitely my worst match that I had

this year."

He credited Bautista Agut with making the most of his chances. The Spaniard opened the third set with a service break and fought off two break points in the sixth game to take a 4-2 lead.

Berdych did regain the break to knot the set at 4-4, but surrendered the decisive break in the next game.

Berdych said he'd felt a little off even in his warm up.

"I just started to feel not tight but not that crisp, like in the last couple of weeks."

World number two Novak Djokovic was the top men's seed in action on Sunday, opening his bid for a third Indian Wells title with a second-round meeting with Romanian Victor Hanescu.

Djokovic, who won the title in 2008 and 2011, has played sparingly this season, falling in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open to eventual champion Stanislas Wawrinka and losing in the semi-finals at Dubai to Federer.

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STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD

Fraser-Pryce stars as Dibaba lives up to billing



Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce of Jamaica celebrates winning the gold medal

SOPOT (AFP) - Debutant Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce took her outstanding outdoor form indoors by blasting to victory in the women's 60m at the World Indoor Athletics Championships on Sunday.

Fancied Ethiopians Genzebe Dibaba and Mohammed Aman also stormed to impressive second golds, but

there was heartbreak for America's "Peter Pan" of middle-distance running, Bernard Lagat, who had to make do with 3000m silver.

Fraser-Pryce, who emulated Usain Bolt by winning treble gold at last summer's Moscow outdoor worlds, timed 6.98 seconds, the seventh fastest time ever clocked over the distance.

The 27-year-old's Jamaican teammate Veronica Campbell-Brown, back on the track after a 10-month lay-off because of a botched doping case, could only finish fifth (7.13sec).

Twice an Olympic champion over 100m, Fraser-Pryce was fast out of her blocks and propelled her diminutive frame to the head of the field and remained through the finish line on the bright blue track at the packed-out Ergo Arena.

Earlier on the track Dibaba and Aman lived up to their top billing with respective victories in the women's 3000m and men's 800m.

The 23-year-old Dibaba, who has broken three world indoor records this season, completely dominated her race, clocking 8min 55.04sec to add the 3000m crown to the indoor 1500m title she won two years ago in Istanbul.

Defending champion Hellen Onsando Obiri of Kenya claimed silver in 8:57.72, with Ethiopian-born Bahraini Maryam Yusuf Jamal taking bronze

(8:59.16).

"I moved up with about eight laps to go, but I couldn't shake them off so I had to increase the pace with 800m to go," said Dibaba, the younger sister of multi-medal-winning Tirunesh.

"This year I've added the 3000m world indoor championships gold to three world records -- it's been a great year. My sister Tirunesh also wanted me to focus on the gold and not the time."

- Lagat out of luck -

Aman defended his 800m title, timing 1:46.40 in a tightly-fought race that saw the capacity crowd erupt when Poland's Adam Kszczot claimed silver.

"It was a very tactical race, which is to be expected in a final," said Aman. "I still have to go for the Olympic gold and world records. This is just the beginning, not the end."

But there was no such luck for Kenyan-born US veteran Lagat, who was bidding to defend his 3000m title and take his place in the record books with a fourth world indoor victory in the discipline.


The 39-year-old was undone by the crushing last-lap pace of Kenyan upstart Caleb Mwangangi Ndiku, 18 years his junior.

"It's a big challenge running against these guys who are maybe 20 years younger than me, but age does not matter," said Lagat.

Qatar's Mutaz Essa Barshim won a high-quality men's high jump with a best of 2.38m, the 22-year-old winning on countback from Russian Ivan Ukhov.

The US quartet of Kyle Clemons, David Verburg, Kind Butler and Calvin Smith rounded off the three-day competition in Sopot with a world indoor record of 3min 02.13sec in the 4x400m relay.

It left the USA atop the medals table with a tally of 12 from eight golds (including six individual), two silvers and two bronzes. Russia were in second with five (3-2-0) and Ethiopia in third, also with five (2-2-1).



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Butler serves up gem at the expense of King James

CHICAGO (AFP) - Jimmy Butler took care of LeBron James on defence and scored 16 points on offence to lead Chicago to a 95-88 overtime win over the reigning NBA champion Miami on Sunday.

Butler also tallied 11 rebounds, four steals and a block for the Bulls, who prevented James from making a trip to the free throw line for the first time in an NBA game in over four years.

Butler also had a key block on James in the last second of the fourth quarter.

Joakim Noah had 20 points, 12 rebounds, seven assists and five blocks for the Bulls, who have split the first two games of a six-game homestand. D.J. Augustin scored 22 points.

James scored 17 points on eight-of-23 shooting from the field. James did not attempt a free throw in a game for the

first time since December 2009.

Dwyane Wade finished with 25 points and Chris Bosh had 15 points for the Heat, who have lost three straight.

With just over 10 minutes left in the fourth, James had a slam dunk to extend Miami's lead to 74-62.

But the Bulls scored the next 13 points to go in front. Butler capped the surge with a pair of free throws to make it 75-74.


James tied the game with a layup with 70 seconds left in the fourth but Kirk Hinrich answered with a layup of his own to send the game into overtime.

Hadley wins Puerto Rico Open

RIO GRANDE (AFP) - Chesson Hadley shot a five-under 67 to claim a two-shot win at the Puerto Rico Open. Hadley earned his first career win on the USPGA Tour with a 21-under-par 267 at the Trump International Golf Club.

The American tour rookie had missed the cut in six of his 10 previous tournaments this season.

Danny Lee shot a four-under 68 during his final round to finish in second place at 19-under 269, while Ben Martin (66) took third at 17-under. Wes Roach (67), Richard Lee (67), David Toms (69), Carl Pettersson (69) and Jason Gore (70) tied for fourth at 16-under.



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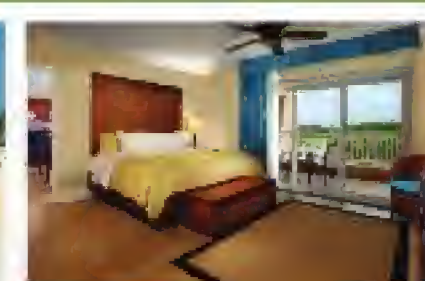
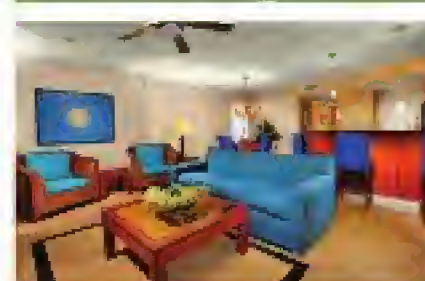
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Aruba welcomes Guam national team for exciting soccer action at Trinidad Stadium



Guam national team

ORANJESTAD -- Soccer fever has created a world wide pandemic as fans of the most popular sport in the world eagerly await the World Cup coming up in Brazil this summer. Special events dedicated to the sport and its ultimate contest are taking place globally, and Aruba is no exception.

The latest will be exhibition matches between an Aruba selection and the national team of Guam, on Thursday, March 27 and Monday, March 31, 2014. Guam is rated number 160 among soccer teams around the world, and Aruba 172, so are considered rather equally matched.

Aruba will be the first country in the Caribbean Federation to compete against a team from the Asian Federation. Organizers are recruiting some of the island's best players who are positioned in the top amateur teams of Holland, as well as Aruban players who have gone pro. The full line up for



Guam coach Gary White

the Aruba selection has yet to be confirmed, depending on their scheduling conflicts.

"This game is to be the start of revitalizing soccer as a spectator sport on Aruba," commented a spokesperson. "We aim to bring back that excitement to local soccer fans of great competitions, and plan on arranging more events like this. We already have gotten some interest from Belize in setting up games."

Though these will be

"friendly" exhibition matches, the winners will receive points towards their standing in FIFA, so they are not inconsequential in the least. Guam's coach is Gary White, an Englishman who is Director of the Guam Football Association and rated as "one of the top 16 coaches in the world." The fans in the stands can expect to see some impressive plays, as he has led Guam to their highest ever FIFA ratings.

The matches will take place in the Guillermo Trinidad Stadium in Dakota and tickets are now on sale at Big Wheel Lottery outlets around the island. Advance sale price of tickets is 12.50 Aruban florins, which will be AWG 17.50 at the door. The games will begin at 8:00 PM. Islanders are encouraged to come and cheer on their home team and enjoy the exciting, live soccer action with this up and coming international team.

By Rosalie Klein